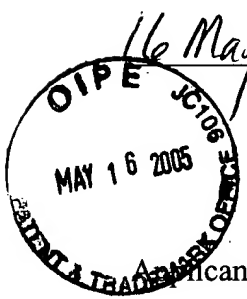


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT A UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated 17 November 2004 for the above-identified patent application. Please extend the time for response three months, up to and including, 16 May 2005. A Request for a Three-Month Extension of time and the required fee are enclosed. Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: